

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 656

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dennis Lee Houser of Blountville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dennis Lee Houser; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Houser was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Blountville on March 23, 1945, Mr. Houser was the son of Clifton George and Lois Hensley Houser; and

WHEREAS, he honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a helicopter mechanic; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Houser served with acumen and alacrity as an educator in Sullivan County Schools for twenty-seven years, during which time he served as a teacher, coach, and principal of Lynn View Middle School; and

WHEREAS, an avid farmer, Mr. Houser was devoted to serving the community of Blountville throughout his life; he served as a commissioner and member of the Education Committee, and he participated in many community outreach organizations, including the Farmers' Market and the Sullivan County Historical Preservation Association, with which he aided in the restoration of downtown Blountville and the Old Deery Inn; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Houser was an active and devout member of Blountville Christian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon and elder; he also taught the Willing Workers Sunday School class for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Houser was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Houser enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-seven years, Kathy Dunham Houser; he was the proud father of Eric (Jessica Lynne) Houser and Adam Lee (Leslie Lynn) Houser and the treasured grandfather of Bailey and Matthew Reed; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his sister, Linda (Chris) Cross; his brother, Morgan (Gloria) Houser; his brother-in-law, Jack Dunham; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Houser leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dennis Lee Houser, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Houser.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.